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ANNUAL CONFERENCE DATES

Write them in your note books. Publish them in your bulletins. Talk them over around the fireside. We are to gather at Asilomar Monday, July 26, and tarry there until Monday, August 2. We are to have the joint meetings of the California Conference and the Young Peoples Conference. We have the exclusive use of the grounds for those dates. And we are expected to get an attendance of 450 if we wish to keep the privilege of such exclusive use.

The program committee will soon be setting up the outline of this great summer attraction. We have the assurance that our National Council Moderator, Mr. Frank J. Harwood of Appleton, Wis., will be with us. He will have a strong message for laymen. Look for other announcements in succeeding issues of The Pacific.

The Missionary Education Movement will meet at Asilomar July 7-17. We are likewise interested in this wonderful training school and have a fine record of attendance to live up to in these gatherings.

THESE DAYS OF TESTING

The National Council at Washington and the Midwinter Conference at Chicago wrought many denominational changes and as a result nearly all District offices of the National Societies are to be closed this year. The San Francisco offices of the American Board and of the American Missionary Society will close April 30th and the Woman's Board office will be closed when the merger of W. B. M. P. with the American Board is consummated.

Such radical changes cannot occur without causing disappointment to some and hardship to others. In the interest of the plan of merger and the success of joint promotion it was deemed necessary to close all offices that were directly or indirectly soliciting money for single societies. It requires faith and courage to face the new order and to believe that the Golden Age of benevolence giving is still ahead. It will require much Christian resignation to accept the necessary changes in methods of promotion and a wise and balanced and intelligent interpretation of the men and measures that are to accept the new responsibilities.

There is manifest sympathy for those who have given long years in the service of the denomination in a single office and over a given field or served in office as secretary or bookkeeper to find the office closed and the position vacant. These changes come so rarely that they loom larger to us than in the world of business where change is the order rather than the exception. The San Francisco offices, though apparently separate, have during these years had a community interest that means closer ties than any realized until they faced the inevitable fact of merger and realignment of responsibility.

Ahead lies the new order and those charged with the newer responsibilities are not unmindful of the fact that they are to be held accountable for the manner in which they conduct their enterprises in the midst of reconstruction and enlarging vision. It is an hour of unparalleled opportunity for the different conferences and each Superintendent is conscious of the demands that will be placed upon him as well as the necessity of building a base strong enough to warrant his many undertakings.

The attitude of those who turn over their work to other minds to manage will help much in the solution of some of the problems that are to be faced. The attitude of those who are to deal with overburdened secretaries of our national organizations will test the metal of the man who must lift the vision of pastors and church leaders to the fields ripening for harvest. We all need to get out where the air is fresh and bracing and where the visibility is high if we are to undertake these great enterprises with enthusiasm and hopefulness.

The church has never failed in being venturesome. It has failed when it has been fearful. Our new leaders will succeed by laying strong foundation and by looking to cities that are yet to come; to peoples that are yet unborn and to a kingdom that is abiding.

THE NEXT STEPS IN PROMOTION

It was the unanimous judgment of the Superintendents in Chicago, that in order to preserve all the local work and inspirations that have marked the past, that we should employ the recommended Regional Committees as the agency through which such values might continue. It was likewise recognized, that, as the local conferences knew these values, or could easily discover them that the organization of the Regional Committees should be set up from the field.

The proposed form for the Pacific Slope is a Regional Committee in each Conference, consisting of five members, as follows: The Superintendent, a prominent minister, a prominent layman and two women, one who might major as a foreign representative and the other representing the home boards. These committees are to be selected by the several conferences and there is to be a joint meeting of all these Regional Committees yearly. The first of these meetings will be held in San Francisco, April 27 and 28. The Conferences participating will be Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Utah, Northern California, Southern California, Arizona and New Mexico.

At this meeting future policies for this region will be wrought out and it is hoped that we will be able to give every phase of promotion due consideration and perfect enough interim organization to lift the standard of giving far and beyond any former record. Nothing affecting policies for this region can be announced previous to that gathering. As soon as possible thereafter we will get instructions to all churches with reference to the plans for 1927. The plans for this year are much the same as they have been, save that we hope to make a ten per cent increase over former giving. May we have your cooperation in these most arduous undertakings and your support in present giving on the basis of known needs.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

In spite of the welcome but heavy rainfall, the Sixth Annual Pastoral Conference, under the auspices of the Pacific School of Religion, has been generally voted a huge success. The program of speakers was, if possible, fuller and richer than at any previous Conference. Bishop McDowell's lectures on the four evenings of the Conference struck a high level at the beginning and increased in their power and appeal. The series of Quiet Hour addresses by the Rev. L. L. Cross of the Northbrae Community Church was most inspiring and helpful and their spirit of interdenominational brotherliness was especially suitable for such a gathering. The three addresses of Dr. Erwin L. Shaver, Secretary of the Congregational Education Society, presented a remarkable array of facts and new ideas in the field of religious education, while those of Professor Eugene W. Lyman of Union Theological Seminary on "Religion in the Modern World" were most penetrating and suggestive. Dr. Carl S. Patton of Los Angeles, in his inimitable style and out of his remarkably wide reading, discussed "The Minister and His Books." Dr. Albert Mansbridge, of Oxford, England, who is giving two very popular series of lectures at the University of California, under the auspices of the Earl Committee, gave to the Conference one lecture on "Adult Education."

The attendance at the Conference, though slightly affected by the weather and other circumstances, was about equal to that of previous years. Nearly 50 Congregational ministers registered and over 40 from the Methodist Church. Large numbers were present who did not record their names.

Bishop McDowell expects to publish his lectures within the year. They will be highly prized by scores who wish to have them in their hands as a source of permanent inspiration.

DEDICATION OF THE HOLBROOK LIBRARY OF THE PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Wednesday afternoon, February 3rd, marked a new and long step in advance in the history of Pacific School of Religion. The new library, the gift of the late Mr. Charles Holbrook, was dedicated with appropriate ceremony. After an introductory address by President Swartz on the donor of the Holbrook Library, Dr. Carl S. Patton of the First Congregational Church, Los Angeles, delivered an address on "The Minister and His Books; a Dispensary of the Soul." Addresses were made by Dr. Walter M. Hart, Vice-President of the University of California, and by Mr. Oscar T. Barber, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and President spoke in recognition of the contractors and builders, whose fidelity and interest have created one of the most beautiful buildings in Northern California.

Following this Mr. Walter H. Ratcliff, himself a son of the manse and a graduate of the University of California, was given special recognition for his imagination, skill, and cooperation as architect by the conferring upon him of an honorary Master of Arts degree. Professor George T. Tolson, Librarian of the School, made a statement concerning the rare books, manuscripts, and pieces of art which are being placed in the new library building. Among them is a picture by the artist Keith which has been loaned by the family of John Muir, rare Bibles, facsimiles of important New Testament manuscripts, Babylonian tablets, Greek papyri, and a considerable collection of Californiana, besides several special collections of books.

The keys of the new building were delivered to the President by Mr. Charles W. Brock, Chairman of the Building Committee, and the service of dedication prepared by Professor John W. Buckham was read, concluding with the prayer of dedication by President Emeritus Charles S. Nash.

Mrs. Silas H. Palmer and Mrs. Samuel Knight, daughters of the donor of the library, and their husbands, occupied seats of honor.

A MISSIONARY JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD

On December 26th there sailed from San Francisco on board the S. S. "President Cleveland," a group of people interested in seeing the missionary work of the church throughout the world. This was the sixth party traveling under the direction of the World Friendship Travel Service of the Missionary Education Movement, which is endeavoring to bring the Christian people of America into closer contact with the world wide work of the church and to foster better international good will by personal contact.

The party is under the leadership of Dr. John Cobb Worley, Travel Secretary of the movement and consists of sixteen people from various denominations.

About one month will be spent in the Orient, another in the Bible lands around the Mediterranean, and a third month in Europe, besides many stops in ports on the way. Special attention will be given to various forms of missionary activity of the different churches, and to contacts with the native leaders in the countries visited.

The Movement is offering a series of such opportunities as this through its Travel Department, among which is a trip to Alaska next summer, a tour around South America next fall, and another around the world tour at about this time next year.

This organization is vitally connected with all the denominations in America and seeks to promote a more intelligent interest in the world-wide work of the church. Detailed information concerning the various tours may be had by addressing the office of the Movement at 443 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.

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A BIT OF HISTORY

Seventeen years ago last fall the Northern California Congregational Conference passed a resolution at its annual meeting requesting the American Missionary Association to assign a district secretary to the Pacific Coast, who should seek to develop interest in the national program of the A. M. A., and to correlate the Oriental mission work with that program. A remarkable work had been built up by the persistent energy of Dr. Pond and a group of faithful friends who had maintained the California Oriental Mission as an auxiliary to the A. M. A., receiving from that organization an annual subsidy of about five thousand dollars besides collections from the churches and individuals in Northern and Southern California. Many in Southern as well as Northern California were dissatisfied with the situation. They wanted a national interest and a national direction of the local missionary program. Some of the churches sent their gifts to the A.M.A. office in New York and some to the treasury of the California Oriental Mission, and the records of the Year Book gave no fair report of what was given, since so much went through the subsidiary organization.

It required several years before a complete unification could be accomplished. Eventually the large program of Chinese and Japanese missions throughout California was taken over completely into the budget of the A. M. A., and all the gifts, whether made directly to missions, sent to Dr. Pond or to the district office, were fully and regularly reported to New York and credited to the collection account independent of the appropriations. The large number of valuable buildings which had been secured for the Chinese and Japanese work by Dr. Pond's energetic labors, were transferred to the American Missionary Association, and the resources and business methods of a national missionary society took the place of the necessarily hand-to-mouth financing which had to be followed under the California Oriental Mission.

No one could match the missionary spirit and missionary resourcefulness of the founder of this work, who has so recently gone from us. But it was possible to meet the desires of the churches for a more complete presentation to the churches throughout the whole district of the whole A. M. A. program and spirit, while at the same time carrying on and developing the missions for Orientals on the Pacific Coast, and securing a nation-wide interest in these missions, as well as a local interest in the nation-wide A. M. A. program.

The Oriental mission work now has a cordial and enthusiastic recognition in the missionary program of the whole Congregational fellowship, which was not, perhaps, possible under the old system. At the same time the Pacific Coast conferences, partly, at least, through their complete unification of missionary interest and missionary program with the national organizations, have won a recognition which has decidely shifted the center of gravity in Congregationalism. The figures of giving for A. M. A. work from the California conferences before the establishment of the district office and now are scarcely commensurable, but including the completest reports of giving to the California Oriental Mission, the present annual contributions reported in the Year Book are from two to three times what they were seventeen years ago.

From the broad foundations of the work begun by Dr. Pond, there has been a notable increase in the Oriental Mission work itself. An extensive work for Japanese has been developed in Seattle, Washington, and in Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah. The work has been strengthened by union with other churches in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Riverside. New buildings have been erected in San Diego, Montebello, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, (for both Japanese and Chinese) in Oakland and in Salt Lake City. In other cases buildings have been purchased to house the work. Considerable debts on the earlier buildings have been cleared off, and in only one case, the great Union Japanese Church in Los Angeles, is there any large amount remaining unpaid.

Beyond the continuance and development of the work begun under the California Oriental Mission and the winning of a national recognition and whole-hearted participation in Oriental Missions the A. M. A. district secretary has been able to secure a large amount of interdenominational co-operation in survey and planning of the work, and in the creation of understanding and sympathy with the Orientals in America, subjected during these years to such a storm of criticism and prejudice. The co-operation of several missionaries from China and Japan, specially Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse has greatly strengthened the work, particularly in stemming the tide of sentiment started by the anti-Japanese agitation.

Quite apart from the increased interest and giving for A. M. A. work from churches and individuals in the Pacific District, which is a matter of record in the Year Book, the secretary has had a share in the creation of an inter-conference co-operation and a national recognition of the Pacific Coast through the annual meetings of superintendents and secretaries, in the development of missionary education through the Asilomar Conference and the special schools of missions in the churches, in the establishment of a vital relation with the churches of Hawaii and latterly in the public emphasis on problems of Mexican immigration, and the promotion of A.M.A. enterprises for Spanish-speaking people.

It is necessary, however, to recognize the evolutionary process in our church support and direction of missionary work. No longer is it the function of one man to be the prophet of a needed service, and the championship of a special crusade by a national missionary organization is not so essential if the churches have fully accepted their obligations and have developed not only the willingness but the experience and technique to carry them out. There is much reason to suppose that the conferences of the Pacific Coast are now ready for this step in relation to the promotional and administrative work heretofore carried on by the A. M. A. A tremendous advance has been made since the A. M. A. Executive Committee agreed to the request made by the Northern California Conference seventeen years ago. One would hardly claim that all parts of the country were ready to do without the prophets and the specialists whom it is the business of the A. M. A. as a national society to bring to the solution of the problems of interracial brotherhood. Nevertheless, in the Pacific Coast Congregational Conferences, where there has grown up such a strong and intelligent conviction in spite of the popular prejudice, it is certain that the new stage in evolution of our missionary processes will not show any decline in idealism or efficiency.

Geo. W. Hinman.

DECEMBER, 1925, BENEVOLENCES

Alameda First	$ 600.00
Alturas	20.00
Angel's Camp	62.00
Bay Point	100.00
Benicia	5.20
Berenda Eben.	50.00
Berkeley First	1,982.65
Berkeley Park	68.02
Berkeley North	404.33
Berkeley, Beth.	9.50
Biola	20.00
Campbell	233.70
Ceres	152.16
Cloverdale	130.00
Cotati	56.25
Crockett	22.05
Dinuba	20.00
Eureka	296.77
Fairfax	13.00
Ferndale	81.28
Fresno First	283.96
Fresno Free Cross	250.00
Fresno Zion	220.00
Fresno Pilgrim	200.00
Fresno Emanuel	14.00
Glen Ellen	23.00
Grass Valley	33.78
Guerneville	15.00
Hayfork	10.00
Hayward	80.00
Kenwood	68.42
Lockeford	30.25
Lodi First	849.05
Loomis	400.00
Oakland First	1,505.41
Oakland, Cal.	33.00
Oakland Fruitvale	93.00
Oakland Grace	27.33
Oakland Plymouth	678.22
Oakland Boulevard	31.16
Oakland Olivet	25.00
Oleander	30.00
Oroville	259.00
Pacific Grove	61.62
Palo Alto	352.00
Petaluma	342.65
Pittsburg	69.95
Porterville	45.00
Redwood City	250.00
Reno, Nevada	138.60
Sacramento	161.00
San Francisco First	826.00
San Francisco Miss. Park	273.44
San Francisco Bethany	100.00
San Francisco O. View	75.00
San Francisco Richmond	20.00
Sanger	20.00
San Jose	311.00
San Leandro	33.00
San Mateo	75.00
Santa Cruz First	407.02
Santa Rosa First	87.95
Saratoga	426.53
Sebastopol	145.00
Sonoma	2.70
Soquel	55.00
Stockton	840.00
Suisun	129.21
Sunnyvale	43.00
Sunol Glen	35.00
Tipton	5.12
Tulare	170.46
Weaverville	33.50
Miscellaneous	100.00
C. W. M. S.	200.00
Fresno Jap.	20.00
Santa Rosa Todd	5.00
	$15,346.24

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C. W. M. S.	$ 140.22
Conference	1,178.73
Annuity Fund	127.40
C. M. R. S.	372.08
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Pac. School of Rel.	399.48
C. E. S.	735.26
C. C. B. S.	796.08
A. M. A.	1,781.24
W. B. M. P.	1,946.58
A. B. C. F. M.	2,618.14
C. H. M. S.	4,980.17
	$15,346.24

AMERICAN BOARD NOTES

On my arrival at the Mid-Winter Conference in January I was overwhelmed to learn of the death by heart disease of Watts O. Pye on January 9th. It seems only a few days ago that I saw him off on the boat and aided him in his preparations for return to his beloved work. He was returning to China disappointed in not getting all the funds he needed for the work he had planned, but with an optimistic faith that he should be able to render a worthy service for the Master. How far the unceasing activity of his furlough period, after a strenuous term on the field, affected his health and shortened his life we do not know, and may never know. We can only say that he laid down his life for China. He was engaged in missionary work at a time, and place, and under conditions in which he displayed a statesmanship which has seldom been equalled in modern missionary history. The way he took for occupation of China we believe, will furnish insipration as a method for the activities of future missionaries and Christian Chinese. His soul will go marching on in lives inspired with contact with him, and in institutions made vital by his sacrificial life and death.

Mrs. Arthur H. Smith of Tungchow died January 28 of peritonitis. She is survived by her husband with whom she went to China in 1872. She was one of the oldest in point of service of those who are entered on the Board's Roll of Honor of returned missionaries.

J. C. Holmes.

THE ONE-DIME MAN

"A lot of people today have been raised from the dead, and they expect a porter to come in with an invalid's chair and cart them out of the tomb," writes Thomas L. Masson, well-known humorous writer, in a recent article, "The Faith of a Humorist," in the Christian Century. These men, according to Mr. Masson, are the "One-dime men," who stand aloof and will not follow Christ wholly and unreservedly.

"Years ago," he says, "I made a rule to give what he wanted to every beggar who asked. When a man came up to me on the street and said, 'Mister, help me,' I replied, 'How much would you like?' For years—with one exception—men have always answered, 'A dime.' Why? Because all street beggars are one-dime men. The average man who gives to a beggar gives a dime. Therefore the minds of these vagabonds are throttled down to a dime."

And the one-dime man, Mr. Masson believes, is everywhere—in the universities, in the pulpits, on the rostrum. The one-dime spiritual leader "does not even know that there is a 100 per cent God," because he has not the spiritual insight which can only be got from contact with experience and suffering. He is the man who has other attachments besides an attachment for God. The one-dime man has not learned that "we originate nothing in ourselves, that we are nothing," that "our responsibility consists solely in following Christ."

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LIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

e section of the afternoon session e annual meeting of the Women's onary Society held at Oakland, 2, was devoted to young people's ests. Addresses were given by etary Prince and Rev. E. R. er.

eadership training school for our ches of San Francisco is being for five weeks, Jan. 26 to Feb. 23, e Golden Gate Y. M. C. A. Thirty le are enrolled. A similar school be held for six weeks in the eda church beginning on Feb. 17. munity schools for leadership ing have been held at Fresno and ton. Such schools are projected an Mateo and Palo Alto. A Len- chool of Missions is announced he First Church, Berkeley.

e First Church, Oakland, is doing ost important and timely service fering a course of twelve lectures g the winter for parents on the ect, "Childhood Guidance and the e." The class meets on Sunday ings at 9:40 o'clock. The lectures hirty minutes in length are fol- d by discussion for forty minutes. ng the lecturers are President T. Swartz, Prof. C. E. Rugh, Dr. phine Kennedy, and Supt. F. M. ter of the Oakland Public Schools. attendance has been most encour- g. A similar series of lectures will ffered by the First Church, Berke-

course of lectures on religious cation were given at the Berkeley toral Conference by Rev. Erwin L. ver, secretary of the Congrega- al Education Society for New land and denominational director leadership training. During the e week Mr. Shaver addressed the Francisco Training School, the scopal Convention and the Berke- Council of Week-Day Religious cation. During the early part of following week he gave several ures to the students in religious cation at the Pacific School of igion.

nstitutes of religious education er the leadership of Secretaries ver and Prince are scheduled for sno, Feb. 16, Stockton, Feb. 17, land, Feb. 18, and Martinez, Feb. The institutes will include after- n and evening sessions.

n All-California Congress of Re- ous Education will be held in the st Congregational Church, San ncisco, Feb. 28 to March 2. The day afternoon session will be the y session on Feb. 28. On the two owing days there will be morning l evening sessions and an evening sion on Monday. Among the akers are Bishop E. L. Parsons, bbi L. I. Newman, Dr. Hugh S. gill of Chicago, Prof. C. E. Rugh, J. W. Buckham, and Dr. W. S. vard of the Methodist Board of ucation. The Congress is sponsored a group of one hundred and fifty minent educators, pastors and citi- s of California representing various igious, educational and civic groups. e Sunday afternoon session will face he Present Urgency" for religious cation. The themes for Monday d Tuesday will be "Present Day ends in Religious Education." All ssions are open to the public.

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BOOK NOTES

A new edition of Walter Rauschenbusch's "Prayers of the Social Awakening," has been issued by the Pilgrim Press. Sixteen new prayers are included in this edition. These prayers, with their peculiar strength and beauty, have brought refreshment and inspiration to untold numbers, and have given a new vision of the social order to men and women the world around. The book will prove especially useful in connection with the study and discussion of the Statement of Social Ideals of the churches adopted at Washington. The price of the book is $1.00.

"The Congregational Churches," by F. L. Fagley, printed by the Pilgrim Press, is a brief outline prepared for the use of study classes, for new members, and for general readers who desire a birds-eye view of what it means to be a Congregationalist. The book is a companion volume to Dr. Bosworth's "What It Means To Be a Christian." The book is divided into three parts treating of the History of Congregationalism, Congregational Beliefs, and Officers, Members, and Organizations of the Churches. The book in cloth covers sells for fifty cents and in paper for twenty-five cents.

In "Science and Religion, Five So Called Conflicts," by William North Rice, published by the Abingdon Press (fifty cents), the author demonstrates that these conflicts are "so called" and not actual. The first paragraph of the volume sets forth the main thesis upon which the discussion rests: "Man cannot fail to be profoundly interested in the world of thought which pure science ignores. He cannot help asking what is the efficient cause of the phenomena of nature. Is that efficient cause a Personality to which human personality is analogous? If the efficient cause of natural phenomena is personal and intelligent, we cannot fail to be interested in the question of the character and motives of that personality, and its relation to our own life and destiny. The question of efficient causation in nature belong to philosophy. Our individual relation to the personality conceived to be the soul of the universe is the theme of religion. There can be no contradiction between science and religion, as there can be no collision between trains running on parallel tracks."

Among the Religious Dramas and Services for Easter and the Lenten Season the Pilgrim Press is issuing several of special value.

(1) "Saint Claudia," a three act drama, by Marshall N. Good, shows the effect of the life of Christ on the Roman mind. According to tradition Claudia, the wife of Pontius Pilate, was a student of Hebrew literature; learning of Christ's beneficent works she came to regard him as the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy and tried to influence Pilate's judgment. The series of dramatic incidents leading up to and following the Crucifixion of Christ, are made more effective by noble rhythm and sweep of the lines, carrying the audience and reader to the heights of religious emotions. There are two editions; the prices are sixty-five cents and one dollar.

(2) "The Rock," a biblical play in three acts, by Mary P. Hamilin, shows the character development of Simon Peter. It is a strong play with a great message. Through this vivid and heart-stirring portrayal of character development, the play helps us to feel that in truth life may "succeed in that it seems to fail." Fifty cents.

(3) "The Resurrection of Peter." A short Easter drama by Inez Funk Clinton, begins where so many Easter dramatizations end, the morning following the Crucifixion. The first scene shows the disciples utterly dejected and hopeless. Peter is heart-broken and remorseful at having failed the Master. As John and the others are trying to console Peter, the two Marys and Salome come telling the miracle of the empty tomb and the risen Lord. The second scene occurs in the Garden after the Ascension. Joy replaces sorrow; their fondest hopes have been realized. They have talked and walked and broken bread with the Saviour. Peter, overjoyed at the Saviour's forgiveness and trust in him, goes forth to preach to all who will listen that in our darkest hour the glory of the Risen Lord will light the way to Everlasting Life. Twenty-five cents.

(4) "Legend of the Graal," by Douglas Horton, has been written so that it may be read or acted as a drama. A young squire in the Middle Ages comes to the Chapel of the Holy Graal to hold the customary night watch before admittance to Knighthood. While meditating upon the duties which he is to assume the young squire is so deeply intent upon the deeds of tomorrow that he almost misses the opportunity for immediate service. Built around the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the drama is clothed in the picturesque and reverent symbolism of the Middle Ages, and carries a lesson in helpfulness and simple faith. Thirty cents.

(5) In his drama, "He is the Son of God," the author, Linwood Taft lets the personality of Jesus reveal itself through his influence on a blind Jewish mother, trained in the orthodox faith of Pharisiasm. Through her children she learns of the Master's deeds, culminating in the events of Holy Week and the glory of Easter morning. It sets forth the very heart of the Christian Evangel. It is adapted to small as well as large churches. Thirty-five cents.

(6) Among the services with pageant features are "Life Victorious," containing "Her Easter Choice," and "The Triumph of Love," by Margaret Slattery, and "The Immortality of Love and Service," by H. Augustine Smith. The price of these is sixty-five cents per dozen copies.

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Rev. Godfrey Matthews

"Friendly Frolics." This little book of about a hundred pages is fully worth its fifty cents to every kindly young peoples' leader who desires to make the monthly "socials" enjoyable. In addition to a splendid selection of games, songs, stunts, charades, the little book is well indexed.

"A Covenant Keeping God." A typically warm hearted and honest piece of Methodist "testifying" by Bishop Francis Wesley Warne. In one hundred and nine pages the author tells quite compellingly of the gracious dealings of God with his soul.

"The Lord's Supper." Another small book by Bishop Warne, on the meaning of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The chapters on "Memorial," "Eucharist," "Covenant" and "Communion," are marked by a distinct evangelical emphasis. As a contribution to the theological literature of the subject the book adds nothing to the already great literature of the church.

"Beyond the Moon Gate," as the author states "being a diary of ten years in the interior of the Middle Kingdom" has the charm of novelty. It may be well recommended to Sunday School Teachers of adolescent girls as certain to provoke a well stimulated interest in foreign mission. Written by Welthy Honsigner the book is well illustrated with good photographs. The price is $1.25, which is too high for a book of this character.

"Deuteronomy, a Prophetic Lawbook" by Lindsay B. Longacre. A well arranged, concisely written guide book to a great piece of Old Testament literature. In the hands of a studious teacher of high school age pupils this work can be made the basis of a live introduction to what is meant when we talk about "the value of the modern approach to the Bible." While contributing nothing new to the well equipped student of the Old Testament it is another of those desirable "middlemen" between great scholarship and lay ignorance of the Bible.

"Economic Liberalism" by Jacob H. Hollander. This volume contains the seventh series of lectures on the George Slocum Bennett Foundation at Wesleyan University selecting as the four most urgent economic questions facing the United States as being "The Price Level," "Taxation," "Trade Unionism," and "Social Reform."

The author is Professor of Political Economy at Johns Hopkins and is a fine example of the unblushing, unrepentant and not too optimistic liberal whose creed is "the disposition to look upon his fellow as of equal worth with himself. Not that all men are of equal capacity or entitled to equal rewards but the Liberal is always inclined to leave and to give them equal opportunity with himself for self-expression and for self-development . . . . Most of all he insists that men are never to be used by him for his own ends, but for theirs."

"Christianity for Today" by John Godfrey Hill. Price 75c. A lucidly written text book for college groups or adult classes which might equally well be used for a mid-week discussion class on "The Nature of Religion," "The Christian Way of Life," "The World War Experience," "The God of Our Trust," "The Jesus of History," "The Christ of Theology and Experience," "Man and His Making," "The Growing of a Christian," "The Bible of Our Faith," "The Church of Our Fellowship," "The Ideal of the Kingdom," "The Hope of Life Eternal."

"The Eternal Masculine" by Chas. Edward Locke. A volume of essays semi-literary-religious in their accent. They are not without merit but the author might well discipline his style by repressing his language. He has a tendency to over-illustrate perfectly obvious observations on life and conduct.

Two articles of especial interest to students of Pacific Coast conditions bearing on the Oriental problem and the problem of Mexican immigration are the paper by E. Guy Talbot on "Americanization of Japanese in Hawaii" in the January Current History and the one by Charles A. Thomson "The Man From Next Door" in the January Century.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Barclay, Wade Crawford. Organization and Administration of the Adult Department. 179 pages. Price 70c. The Caxton Press. Methodist Book Concern, New York.

Mudge, E. Leigh. The Psychology of Later Adolescense. 140 pages. Price 60c. The Caxton Press. Methodist Book Concern, New York.

Blakeman, Wilbert C. Outlooks on God, or a House of Many Windows. 155 pages. $1.00. The Abingdon Press, New York.

Frost, Timothy Prescott. Tragedy and Triumph, or Tares and the Kingdom: a study in the sayings of Jesus. 258 pages. Price $1.75. The Abingdon Press, New York.

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STOCKTON—The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church of Stockton, held the middle of January, was the largest one in point of attendance in the history of the church.

The church has grown to such an extent that they are in need of larger quarters for both the Sunday School and church. The following extract from the pastor's report will tell the story:

"Last September the sixtieth anniversary of the organizing of this church was celebrated. The story of those sixty years is one of growth from a handful to a great church family of more than 500 members. That growth is significant of the active and progressive spirit of the congregation. It more than keeps pace with the population increase of the city. In the department of religious education, the church has tried to use the best modern methods. The church school is under the supervision of a director of religious education. It is organized into departments from cradle roll to adult and a graded series of lessons is used. One of the most urgent reasons for a new building comes from the needs of this department. A large and capable of corps of teachers is trying to do its work in cramped and inadequate quarters. The school simply must have better facilities for its all-important work.

"The present building was occupied first in 1910 and the growth both of the city and the church is indicated by the fact that at that time it was considered too large and too far out. Now it has been outgrown and is almost down town in location. The many needs of a well-planned social program and educational work now press for larger quarters and up-to-date equipment."

SANTA ROSA—First Church has voted to call Rev. J. C. Holmes, American Board Secretary, to the pastorate there.

LOOMIS—This church tried a novel feature this year in having its annual meeting associated with its Every Member Canvass and then later having its annual dinner at a separate and distinct event. At this dinner Supt. Minchin was the guest of honor. In addition to his address were a few reports of new improvements under way and finished. This church has made substantial progress under the leadership of Rev. R. C. Day.

ANGEL'S CAMP—Two attempts at revivals were made in Angel's Camp during 1925, both failing, as the people seem to prefer the "friendly religion" which Mr. Bissell, the pastor of the Congregational Church there, is bringing to his people. A new service was added there this year, on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock, consisting of Christmas carols by a specially trained choir and a short talk by the pastor on "The Spirit of Christmas." Sixty people attended this service. The Sunday School has grown in numbers and enthusiasm, and a choir from the Sunday School sings at the morning services.

GLEN ELLEN—The annual meeting and fellowship dinner of the Glen Ellen church, held in Mayflower Hall, Friday evening, January 8, was the largest attended in years.

The reports of officers showed a splendid condition of all departments, especially the treasury and the young people's Christian Endeavor Society. The full payment of the benevolence pledge, a balance in the treasury exceeding those of former years, and sundry repairs and improvements in and about the church buildings were among the encouraging features noted.

The characteristic spirit of fellowship of the Glen Ellen church was evident; offices and responsibilities were accepted with a fine sense of Christian service and devotion; and hearty enjoyment was manifest, many lingering to the midnight hour. Those who were unable to attend contributed liberally to the fellowship banquet.

GRASS VALLEY—More than fifty years ago, the church at Grass Valley was the scene of a meeting, the result of which is the organization now known as the Women's Christian Temperance Union. In March of this year this organization is planning a pilgrimage for the purpose of placing a bronze marker in the church.

KENWOOD—On Monday evening, January 4th, the Kenwood Church held its annual meeting, preceded by a dinner. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed that there had been increases in both membership and in finances, with all bills paid and a small surplus. One of the most encouraging reports came from the Sunday School, which has grown from just a few to nearly thirty members. The Ladies' Aid also reported a pleasant and profitable year. The officers of 1925 were reelected to serve another year.

SACRAMENTO—The Sacramento church held its annual dinner and meeting January 12th. The clerk reported that 41 new members had been received during the year, bringing the membership to 344, a gain of 19. All departments reported and many notable advances were recorded. The outstanding achievement of the year has been the gathering of resources for the new building and the successful negotiation of a carrying loan so that construction may be undertaken at once.

LODI—With an attendance of over two hundred, the church at Lodi held its annual dinner and business meeting on Friday evening, January 8th. The reports showed that the finances were in good condition, the carpet paid for by the Women's Association and the church practically free of debt. The church has added 51 to its membership during the year, making a total of 365. The pastor, Rev. C. H. Stevens, reported that he had attended 22 funerals and performed four wedding ceremonies, besides making over a thousand calls.

MRS. CARRIE M. COLE

With extreme regret we note the passing of Mrs. F. P. Cole, wife of our Conference Treasurer. She died on the morning of January 26 and the funeral services were held at the home, 2938 Avalon St., Berkeley, Thursday the 28th. The services were conducted by Dr. William J. Minchin and the interment was in Mountain View Cemetery. She leaves two daughters, Helen Cole of Boulder Creek, and Mrs. H. L. Shaffer, of Merced. The Pacific expresses to Mr. Cole and the two daughters the sympathy of many who recall her presence at our annual conferences.

REV. W. C. HALLENBECK CHOSEN AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Rev. Wilbur C. Hallenbeck has accepted the invitation of the Oakland Council of Churches and will begin his work February 1st. Rev. Mr. Hallenbeck has been in the East doing research work for the Rockefeller Foundation, and as he has shown great ability in survey and interdenominational work, his experience, energy and his sunny smile will be a great asset in launching the new Federation. Oakland is certainly to be congratulated on securing his services.

OLEANDER—This church has been without a pastor for several months but it has carried on in a most remarkable way. With the aid of a lay preacher and the inspiration of Mrs. Gordon, a teacher in the public schools, and with the splendid cooperation of church members, the church asked Superintendent Minchin to be with them January 31 to receive 13 members into fellowship. They were all adults and there are others who have announced their desire to unite with the church at an early date. These members had a mind to work and had the right idea of the kind of work needed.

CROCKETT—The Crockett Community Church, under the leadership of Rev. Edmund Owens, has been a great agency for better conditions in this community during the last four years.

This church is a federation of the former Congregational Church of Crockett and the Presbyterian Church of Valona. Each of these organizations maintains its own church and church organization. The Sunday morning service is held in the Presbyterian Church in Valona, and the evening service in the Congregational Church. Members of each denomination are received into the fellowship of their own church organization; those of other denominations are received into an Associated Membership not attached to either of the principal denominations.

The business end of this church is cared for by a Board of Trustees, five Presbyterians, five Congregationalists and two from the Associated Membership. There are two Sunday Schools, two Aid Societies, two Christian Endeavor Societies, and one Prayer Meeting and one Missionary Society.

The Sunday Schools and the Christian Endeavor Societies are in a flourishing condition—the Sunday Schools at Christmas contributing $60.00 and two barrels of clothing to the Missionary cause. And the Missionary Society, composed of ladies of both Aid Societies with others, has had two years of most successful work. Church attendance is most gratifying and particularly in view of the fact that no sensational methods to attract have been used, and there have been neither stunts nor picture shows to draw the crowds.

Few communities in California ca boast so many fine singers as ble this town, and these give freely their talent for the betterment of th church.

SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM USING MOTION PICTURES AND STEREOPTICON

Given in the First Congregation Church, Benicia, T. Davis Preston, Pastor

A Missionary Education Series fo Four Sundays

1. The Nile, In the Heart of Egyp (Film 10-2). Scenes in the Valley the Kings. Monuments of begin
2. China today. (Film 10-4, 5, three reels. Familiar scenes in t awakening land of teeming mi
3. India—its quaint characters, cupations and aspects. (Film10-8).
4. In Sunrise Land. A glimpse Japan's beauties and problems. (Fil 10-11, 12).

In this series foreign students the Pacific School of Religion spok of the countries and their problem following the showing of the films.

The film numbers indicate the seri in the catalog of the Film Departme of the University of California, t rental price of which runs fifty cen and one dollar each.

The Birthplace of Christianity

A pre-Christmas series using m tion pictures, a stereopticon and reli map of the Holy Land. This seri was concluded with a tableau-pagea "The Christmas Mystery."

1. Gibeah. (Film 21-6).
   Descriptive talk using reli map of Judea, giving geograph reviewing historic incident etc.
2. The Holy City (Film 21-2).
   Descriptive talk using reli map of Holy Land.
3. Nazareth.
   Descriptive talk using reli map.
4. Bethlehem.
   Descriptive talk using reli map.

The films in this series were secu ed from the University of Californi (as indicated by number) at one d lar each, rental. The other two fro the Pathe Co., Inc., at a rental of fiv dollars each, if used singly, three d lars if whole series of twenty filn used.

The series was supplemented wit slides from the Palestine collection Professor McCown of the Pacif School of Religion, Berkeley.

Mr. Preston suggests that the might be an exchange of programs b those using moving pictures, throug the columns of The Pacific, impre sions and experiences in the use films.

COMMENTARIES

The Preacher's Homiletic Comme tary, 30 volumes.

The Pulpit Commentary, 51 volume

Rev. T. G. Lewis, one of our retire home missionaries, has these two se of books which he would like to giv to two men who would apprecia them. Any one interested may co municate with Mr. Lewis at Pleasa ton, California. Whoever wants th books will have to call for them, Mr. Lewis is not able to pack the for shipment.

Rev. J. J. Kelly of Soquel, has bee granted a leave of absence for month to have an operation perfor ed at Ripon. Mrs. Kelly writes th he is getting along nicely. They a staying with Mr. Stuart Thomson, S perintendent of the Sunday School Ripon.